

GETHSEMANE

BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"Not my will, but Thine, be done" – Luke 22:42

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A WORD ON WORSHIP

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Christian worship is Theocentric and Christocentric. Only through the Lord Jesus Christ can one ever acceptably come before God (John 14:6; 1 Peter 3:18; 2 John 9). Furthermore, if God the Father hath not granted a man to come to His Son, the Lord Jesus, no one can come to Christ (cf. John 6:45, 65). So, both the Father and the Son are engaged in mutual glorification in the hearts of the people of God (cf. John 13:31-32). In fact, the Holy Spirit is also at work in our hearts to glorify Christ (cf. John 16:13-14).

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SCRIPTURE MEMORISATION

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Dying

Proverbs 14:32

The wicked is driven away in his wickedness:
but the righteous hath hope in his death.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Call to Worship

Dn Kelvin Lim

*Hymn 34: Crown Him with Many Crowns

*Invocation & Gloria Patri

*Scripture Reading in Unison

Matthew 16:13-17

Hymn 217: Rejoice - the Lord Is King!

Collection of Offerings

*Doxology & Prayer

Hymn 338: Show Me Thy Way, O Lord

Scripture Memorisation

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

"Whom Do Men Say that I Am?"

Matthew 16:13-17

*Hymn 67: Praise the Saviour

*Benediction & Threefold Amen

** Congregation Standing*



TODAY, 16 JULY 2017

NEXT LORD'S DAY, 23 JULY 2017

9.00 – 10.00am		CHURCH CHOIR & CHILDREN'S CHOIR	CHURCH CHOIR & CHILDREN'S CHOIR
		MALAYALAM FELLOWSHIP	MALAYALAM FELLOWSHIP
10.30am	CHINESE SERVICE	Worship Leader: Eld Alan Choy Preacher: Pr Daniel Lim Musician: Gan Sze Huey Flowers: Lee Kim Lei Refreshments: Maggie Ho Ushers: Chan Tuck Whye & Lawrence Ng	Worship Leader: Pr Daniel Lim Preacher: Pr Daniel Lim Musician: Eunice Choy Flowers: Tay Soo Thian Refreshments: Gan Sheu Hoong Ushers: Cayson Chok & Jonah So
	ENGLISH SERVICE	Worship Leader: Dn Kelvin Lim Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Musicians: Sarah Lee, Ellyzabeth Ushers: Bernard Lim (i/c) Amoz Choy, Lee Shing Shyan Lijoy George, Stephen Yap Ho Kee How, Julius Del Rosario Greeter: Aileen Tan AV Ministry: Crew No. 2 Flowers: Stephanie Lee Refreshments: Catherine Choy, Chong Shu Mun Jolyne Cho, Lim Hua See Junior Worship: Edwin Quek, (Lok Qian Hui) Angeline Wong, (Jasmine Tan) Elder Alan Choy	Worship Leader: Dn Francis Lee Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Musicians: Dorcas Koshy, Ellyzabeth Ushers: David Tan (i/c) Cornelius Koshy, Edwin Quek Jason Low, Low Chip Hung Marcus Lim, John Peh Greeter: Low Siew Lian AV Ministry: Crew No. 3 Flowers: Angela Ang Refreshments: Roscelle Lim, Edeliza Ballega Lena Chan, Rhodora Resuma Junior Worship: Choy Luan Kheng, (Eunice Choy) Dn Low Boon Siang, (Jasmine Low) Low Chip Hung
1.30pm	FILIPINO SERVICE	Worship Leader: Norefel Resuma Preacher: Pr Dennis Kablingue Musician: Duaine Kablingue Usher: Randy Laurencio Refreshments: Cecile Batrina	Worship Leader: Norefel Resuma Preacher: Pr Dennis Kablingue Musician: Ayn Tindaan Usher: Anthony Evangelista Refreshments: Joy Del Rosario
3.30pm	LIONS HOME	Venue: 487 Bedok South Ave 2 English Speaker: Edwin Quek Dialect Speaker: Kenneth Wong	Venue: 9 Bishan Street 13 English Speaker: Arvind Pawa Dialect Speaker: Elder Alan Choy

16 July 2017

O LORD, SEND MORE LABOURERS!

Prabhudas Koshy

Every true follower of the Lord Jesus Christ knows deep in his soul that it is his solemn duty from the Lord to pray for full-time Christian workers. Who among us would forget our Lord's earnest words - "The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest" (Luke 10:2)?

Those words of Christ confirmed in my heart His call in 1982 that I may serve Him as a preacher of His Word. Since then, those words of Christ have also placed in me a deep desire to see many others also serving the Lord for the salvation and edification of souls. After my marriage, my wife and I prayed that the Lord would call our children to serve Him full-time according to His good pleasure. Both of us were so deeply convicted of the gravity of the need for more labourers in the work of the Lord that we could do no other but desire, pray and dedicate our children to the Lord for His service. We are grateful to the Lord for all, both in

our church and elsewhere, who have been praying along with us for the same burden.

About two months ago, when our firstborn, Cornelius, related to us of his conviction of God's gracious call to serve Him full-time, both my wife and I were overwhelmed with powerful emotions – unspeakable joy and also overwhelming burden. It is not possible in this brief note to describe all those feelings. As we praise God for giving the conviction to Cornelius, we pray earnestly that he will remain faithful to the Lord, that he may do all His good pleasure in the Gospel work. We are grateful to the Lord for Gethsemane BPC's prayerful support, which we, as a family, have been abundantly receiving as we serve Him in this beloved church. Please read Cornelius' testimony of call to full-time service below, and kindly remember him in your prayers that God would equip him with all grace and knowledge to serve Him all the days of his life.

MY CALLING

To my spiritual family in Gethsemane,

I have received God's call to give my life to serve Him, and I am very sure of it. I am certain because I heard His call through His unmistakable Word. I tried to resist it, but the call was irresistible. With such an irrepressible call into the ministry, I must needs bid His call. During our prayer meeting on Tuesday (11 July 2017), I testified how God worked through His Word to:

1. alter my perspectives towards consecration and God's sovereignty;
2. allay the fears I had towards my abilities and the demands of the ministry; and finally
3. move me to accede to God's call to serve Him full-time.

Today's publication serves as a written and summarised testimony of how I came to know God's will concerning full-time ministry.

The Specific Call and Its Context

"... but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God" (2 Timothy 1:8).

The context to this verse, found in 2 Timothy 1:5-9, deals specifically with Timothy, who is already a servant of God, serving alongside Paul. Timothy, however, needed spiritual strengthening, and Paul was God's appointed encourager to Timothy. Just as Timothy was exhorted by Paul in v. 8, "be

thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God", I hear the Holy Spirit's convicting call to me through Paul's words to Timothy.

My Circumstances

By the providential leading of God, He has earlier led me to two passages which prepared me for this final and third call in 2 Timothy.

Firstly, from 1 Samuel 1-2, my perspectives were altered when I learnt, from Hannah's life, that the consecration of a child is an acknowledgment that God is the Giver of life. By consecrating Samuel, she was affirming her trust that God is sovereign, and that He will provide. From the life of Samuel, I was rebuked by his life of pure obedience. Never once did he murmur against the sovereign will of God, but obediently he served in the house of the LORD in Shiloh. His obedience was unquestioning; it was swift; it was unwavering; it was lifelong – the theme of obedience recurs in 1 Samuel and culminates in the famous verse: "... Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams" (1 Samuel 15:22b).

Secondly, from Ephesians 1:3-12, my fears of the ministry were adequately allayed when I learnt that all spiritual blessings are promised to me, and that the salvation I have in Christ Jesus is the security (or evidence) that I will be equipped with spiritual graces necessary for an effective ministry.

The Spiritual Strengthening

In 2 Timothy 1:5-7, Paul exhorts Timothy to remember the unfeigned faith of his grandmother Lois and mother Eunice. Timothy had personally witnessed their unrestrained service, and here Paul encourages Timothy to stir up the gifts in him for God's service, with the lives of his grandmother and mother as living examples that God will be with him. Paul then reminds Timothy that God has not given him a spirit of fear, but of power, of love and of a sound mind. The vestiges of fear that resided in Timothy's faith had to be eradicated with the remembrance of the faith of Lois and Eunice, and with the trust that God has given us the spirit of power, and not fear.

These passages were thus providentially given by God to prepare my heart to receive the call in 2 Timothy 1:8.

Qualification

I must qualify that the term "afflictions" in 2 Timothy 1:8 does not merely refer to the generic category of trying and painful encounters of every man, but the specific trying and painful experiences that meet the preacher of the Gospel. Paul writes to Timothy, using the singular second-person pronoun "thou", thus directing his exhortation to Timothy and not to the body of believers at large. If Paul had intended the "afflictions" to refer to the broad experience every believer would face, he would have used the plural second-person pronoun "ye". It is clear, from Timothy's position as a servant of God, that the "afflictions" here refer

specifically to the painful experiences that come with being a "partaker" or servant of the Gospel of Christ.

The Call Reaffirmed

Knowing that these verses refer specifically to the ministry of the Gospel, I am convinced that the LORD is calling me into the ministry. The LORD calls me to be like Timothy (a partaker of the afflictions of the Gospel of Christ), to suffer so that the truth of the Gospel may continue in the church and be preached to all; to preach the Word of God for the salvation of sinners and for the sanctification of believers; and to be an instrument through which the power of God – the Gospel – may work effectually to the salvation of many.

An Accompanying Promise

Afflictions notwithstanding, the LORD calls me to serve Him "according to the power of God". That is to say, the afflictions of the Gospel will not exceed the power of God that He equips me with; there will be no affliction without the accompanying empowerment of God! This promise is assuring – that the spirit of power, which displaces the spirit of fear, will steer and propel me forward in the ministry, come what may.

May God be merciful to sustain me in the ministry, that I may be used effectively for the sake of the Gospel, and for His glory.

In service to God who has called me,
Cornelius Koshy

GBI-ONLINE

EPISTLE TO THE EPHESIANS

Lecturer: Pr Andrew Koh

Date: Every Wednesday Time: 7.30pm-8.20pm

Venue: TGCM premises

Among the people who have studied the Epistle to the Ephesians in great depth, some have come up with the following descriptions of the Epistle: It is “the crown of Paulinism”, “the divinest composition of man”, “the distilled essence of the Christian faith”, “the most authoritative and most consummate compendium of the Christian faith, full to the brim with thoughts and doctrines sublime and momentous”. The Epistle to the Ephesians is no doubt packed with divine truths regarding our Christian faith, waiting for its ardent students to discover its precious teachings.

The Epistle to the Ephesians was one of 4 prison epistles that Apostle Paul wrote near his death.

Though Paul was in prison facing uncertainties in life, he found it absolutely necessary to write this epistle to the Ephesians. There is one main urgent message in this epistle that Paul desired the recipients to know – “What does it mean to be a Christian?” It is a question about the Christian identity. This message is especially essential for the church today because many people are confused about it.

How Paul went about to convey the message about the Christian identity was to tell the recipients of this Epistle of the eternal purpose and plan of God for believers. It is in God’s plan that every Christian is immensely blessed by Him. Paul wanted Christians

to know of their great “spiritual possessions” in Christ. In Ephesians 1:3 he wrote, “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ”. In this Epistle, Paul also wanted the recipients to know of their “spiritual position” in Christ. Where do Christians “stand” spiritually? Christians are “raised” from their spiritual deadness and are made to “sit together in heavenly places in Christ” (Ephesians 2:6). Before conversion, they were without hope and far off, but are now made nigh by the blood of Christ (Ephesians 2:13), being reconciled and “fitly framed together ... unto an holy temple in the Lord” (Ephesians 2:21).

As a result of the spiritual possession and position in Christ, Christians have their responsibilities to fulfil. The Epistle to the Ephesians contains a practical section (Ephesians 4-6) where Christians are exhorted to “walk worthy of the vocation”

wherewith they are called (Ephesians 4:1). This practical section concerns a Christian’s walk in his personal life (Ephesians 4:17-5:21), family life (Ephesians 5:22-6:4), and work life (Ephesians 6:5-9).

By the grace of God, this Epistle to the Ephesians will be taught in Gethsemane Bible Institute. Let us come together to study this Epistle every Wednesday from 7.30pm to 8.20pm, starting this 19th July. It is with much prayer that God would give unto the students of this class “the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him”, with “the eyes of (their) understanding being enlightened” (Ephesians 1:17b-18a), so as to know their riches in Christ.



How Should You Respond to Correction?

Proverbs 15:10

“Correction is grievous unto him that forsaketh the way: and he that hateth reproof shall die”

The Bible teaches parents to correct their children in two ways. Firstly, by talking to the children in the light of God’s Word. Secondly, by applying the rod of correction (i.e. beating with a cane) to let the children know the seriousness of their disobedience.

Every child who is corrected will find correction a painful experience. It is never a pleasing experience to be told that what we are doing is wrong. Nobody feels good to know that he is wrong. However, it is better for us that we are corrected; because if not, we will end up in terrible troubles. This is the truth that is taught in Proverbs 15:10 – “Correction is grievous unto him that forsaketh the way: and he that hateth reproof shall die.”

Scripture also teaches children regarding the right responses they should cultivate towards correction for their highest good.

Children must regard correction as important for their well-being. It is foolish to think that you don’t need correction. Proverbs 15:5 tells us that “A fool despiseth his father’s instruction: but he that regardeth reproof is prudent.”

Children must love the correction and instructions of the parents, as taught in Proverbs 12:1 – “Whoso loveth instruction loveth knowledge: but he that hateth reproof is brutish.” When you learn to love correction, you will grow to be a wise person.

Children must carefully listen to words of correction. “He that refuseth instruction despiseth his own soul: but he that heareth reproof getteth understanding” (Proverbs 15:32). Listen attentively to the words of correction with a prayerful heart. You may pray, “Lord, help me to correct myself and obey the instructions given to me, that I may glorify You.”

Prabhudas Koshy

COLLECTIONS

LORD'S DAY on 9 July 2017

Tithes: 1,390.00

Offerings: 9,129.90; RM230.00

Bldg Fund (Project): [500.00 (Chinese Svc)]

Designated Gifts: General Fund 1,000.00; Ethiopia Mission 100.00; Engida Tefera 50.00; Imane Dola 50.00; Donald dela Cruz 50.00; Andrew Koh 300.00; Kelvin Lim 50.00; Samson Hutagalung 50.00

NON-SUNDAY GIFT

General Fund: 1,600.00

TGCM (local): 1,000.00

SPECIAL FUND UPDATE

(as of 9 July 2017)

Building Fund (Project): \$2,264,882.70

**Give generously
towards our
Church Building Fund.**

*"And now, behold,
I have brought the firstfruits of the land,
which thou, O LORD, hast given me.
And thou shalt set it before the LORD thy God,
and worship before the LORD thy God"*
Deuteronomy 26:10

GETHSEMANE YOUNG ADULTS' FELLOWSHIP

Bible Study: Ecclesiastes

Speaker: Pastor Koshy

Chairman: Bro James Chen

Date & Time: Fri, 21 July 2017, 7.30pm
(Dinner provided)

Venue: Home of Sis Lee Kim Lei
Blk 408 Fajar Rd, #10-349
Singapore 670408

GETHSEMANE ADULTS' FELLOWSHIP

Topic: Book Study of 1 Thessalonians

Speaker: Pastor Koshy

Chairman: Bro Gerry Lee

Date & Time: Sat, 22 July 2017, 4.00pm

Venue: Home of Mr & Mrs Gerry Lee
121, Jalan Jurong Kechil
Terrene @ Bukit Timah
(function room)
Singapore 598679

*Transport from Beauty World MRT station
Exit A at 3.40 pm.*

(Buffet dinner will be provided.)

A concurrent separate programme will be
catered for children aged 4-12 (4.00-5.30pm).

GETHSEMANE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Brethren who are serving in the Children's
Ministry in one way or the other, please
write your contact details on the list at the
reception table.

GETHSEMANE YOUNG MOTHERS' FELLOWSHIP

Topic: Blessedness of
Biblical Motherhood

Speaker: Pastor Koshy

Chairperson: Sis Lynn Koh

Date & Time: Fri, 28 July 2017, 4-6pm

Venue: Home of Sis Merisa Teong
15 Ah Soo Garden
Singapore 539971

*Please email any questions related to the
above topic to [gethsemaneyoungmothers@
gmail.com](mailto:gethsemaneyoungmothers@gmail.com) before the meeting.*

PASTORAL VISITATION HOUGANG

Date & Time: Fri, 28 July 2017, 8.00pm

Venue: Home of Mr & Mrs Elvin Siew
Blk 372 Hougang St 31, #15-43
Singapore 530372

If you live in this region, please check that
your name is on the list placed on the
reception table. If it is not, please add it in.

THE GETHSEMANE CARE MINISTRY 12TH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Date & Time: Tue, 8 Aug 2017, 7.30pm

Venue: Level 5 Auditorium
Singapore Post Centre

10 Eunos Road 8, Singapore 408600

We encourage all worshippers to attend
and also to invite your friends. Please sign
up at the reception table.

FAR EASTERN BIBLE COLLEGE

BASIC THEOLOGY FOR EVERYONE

July – November 2017

Monday Night Class

“Old Testament History I” *by Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew*
Commencing on 17 July

Thursday Night Class

“Romans” *by Rev Dr Prabhudas Koshy &*
“Systematic Theology I - Theism” *by Rev Dr Jeffrey Khoo*
Commencing on 20 July

Registration forms are available at the reception table.

GETHSEMANE BIBLE INSTITUTE (GBI-ONLINE)

Duration: 19th Jul – 8th Nov 2017

Day: Every Wednesday night, 7.30pm-9.30pm

Ephesians *by Pr Andrew Koh*
(7.30pm-8.20pm)

Eschatology (Systematic Theology VI) *by Pastor Koshy*
(8.30pm-9.30pm)

Venue: TGCM premises

Only limited places available.
Please register at the reception table today!

13TH BIBLE WITNESS RETREAT

*(held in conjunction with
Gethsemane Ladies' Fellowship Seminar)*

Theme: “An Empowered Woman of God”

Speaker: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

Date: 6th – 8th September 2017 (Wed–Fri)

Venue: Tanjong Puteri Golf Resort
Pasir Gudang, Johor

*A non-refundable deposit of \$70.00/person is required.
Please register at the reception table. Registration form
can be downloaded from www.biblewitness.com/retreat.*

POST-WORSHIP ACTIVITIES

Please stay back after worship to join us for:

Refreshments & Fellowship

12.30pm – 1.30pm

Bible Study (Adults, Youths & Children)

1.30pm – 3.00pm

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Tuesday Night Bible Study & Prayer

8.00pm @ L5, SingPost Centre

Wednesday Lunch Hour Bible Study

1.00pm @ Bible Witness Bookroom

Wednesday Campus Bible Study

3.00pm-4.30pm @ SUTD

Wednesday Night GBI-Online

7.30pm-9.30pm @ TGCM

Thursday Seniors' Ministry

11.00am (Please contact Pr Jeremiah Sim)

Friday Morning Prayer

7.45am – 8.30am @ Church Resource Centre

Friday Campus Bible Study

SUTD @ 1.00pm

Sunday Lions Home Ministry

For enquiry, contact Pr Jeremiah Sim

*For more information, please call
the church office at 6741 1910.*



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Time & Place of Worship

10.30am

Level 5 Auditorium

Singapore Post Centre

10 Eunos Road 8

Singapore 408600

(next to Paya Lebar MRT station)

Prayer Hotline

8138 8139

SMS or WhatsApp

your prayer item

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